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SUBJ: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO
AND OTHER U.N. ISSUES: IRANIAN VIEWS

REF: (A) STATE 153477, (B) STATE 148782, (C) TEHRAN 5903

1. ACTING POLITICAL SECTION HEAD STEMPEL CALLED ON DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT, DR. JAHANGIR AMERI, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TO PRESENT TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REF A. IN CONTEXT GENERAL DISCUSSION, AMERI OFFERED FOLLOWING VIEWS ON ISSUES MENTIONED REFTELS A AND B.

2. PUERTO RICO AND C-24: AMERI SCANNED TALKING POINTS, THEN SAID IRAN WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY SUPPORT U.S. POSITION AS IT HAD IN PAST, BUT SUBJECT WOULD OF COURSE BE REUTINELY REVIEWED BY MFA IN COURSE OF ITS ASSESSMENT OF ISSUES FOR UNGA. HE ADDED IRAN HOPED VOTE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE NECESSARY ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. MFA WILL PROBABLY NOT REPLY FURTHER UNLESS IRANIAN POLICY SHOULD HAPPEN TO SHIFT, AND ASSUMES COORDINATION WILL CONTINUE BETWEEN US/IRAN UN DELS.

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3. U.N. STRUCTURE AND BUDGET: IRAN PLANS TO CONTINUE FIGHTING INCREASE IN IRANIAN ASSESSMENT, AND THIS IS MAJOR FOCUS OF IRANIAN EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. IN REPLY TO SUGGESTION KEEPING ASSESSMENTS DOWN GENERALLY WOULD BE EASIER IF BUDGET PAUSE WAS POSSIBLE, AMERI REPLIED GOI HAD NOT YET GOTTEN TO POINT OF LINKING TWO PROBLEMS. GOI FAVORED TIGHTER STRUCTURAL ORGANIZATION, HOWEVER, AND SAW

MORSE'S EFFORTS WITH UNDP AS EXAMPLE OF WHAT MIGHT BE DONE ELSEWHERE IN U.N. SYSTEM.

4. SPECIALIZED AGENCY POLITICIZATION: GOI DEFINITELY FAVORS U.S. VIEW SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD BE NONPOLITICAL, BUT FINDS ITSELF FORCED TO RESPOND TO ARAB PRESSURES ON OCCASION, THUS VIOLATING ITS OWN POLICY PREFERENCES. AMERI SEEMED PERSONALLY WARM TO IDEA OF BUILDING CONSENSUS AGAINST POLITICIZATION, ADDING IT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR IRAN TO RESIST ARAB ARM-TWISTING.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS: AMERI WAS PLEASED USG RECOGNIZING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMPONENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE (VANCE ATHENS, GA. SPEECH), AND SAID HE THOUGHT GOI AND U.S. WOULD BE COOPERATING CLOSELY IN UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND ELSEWHERE. (EMB COMMENT: AMERI'S OPTIMISM ON THIS POINT SEEMS TO REST ON HIS IMPLICIT BELIEF THAT IRAN WILL NOT COME UNDER MUCH, IF ANY CRITICISM BY COMMISSION.)

6. AMERI WELCOMED US INTENTION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS EARLY, AND SAID GOI WOULD BE REVIEWING POSSIBLE UNGA ISSUES ABOUT MID-SEPTEMBER. HE THOUGHT BROADER DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC ISSUES ABOUT THAT TIME WOULD BENEFIT BOTH PARTIES. AMERI'S OWN INTERESTS AND FACT IO DEPARTMENT HEAD MEHDI EHSASI IS NEW, JUST IN FROM TOUR WITH USUN IN NEW YORK, REINFORCE POINTS ON TIMELINESS AND SELECTIVITY MADE REF C. PREPARATIONS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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NEXT UNGA WILL BE FIRST-TIME EXPERIENCE FOR FOUR OF SEVEN OFFICERS IN IO DIVISION AND WILL REQUIRE SELECTIVE PRESENTATION OF ISSUES IN TIMELY FASHION. WITH THIS IN MIND, EMBASSY HOPES DEPT/USUN COULD SUPPLY AT LEAST BASIC DISCUSSION POINTS ON ISSUES DEEMED IMPORTANT BY END OF FIRST WEEK IN SEPT.

7. BIO NOTE: AMERI IS IN HIS MID-30'S AND HAS SERVED IN NEW YORK AND ONE OTHER POST IN EUROPE. HE STUDIED IN GERMANY, WHERE HE MET HIS GERMAN WIFE WHO SINGS OPERA WITH TEHRAN'S PROFESSIONAL TROUPE. HE SHARES THE GENERAL IRANIAN PERCEPTION THAT THE WESTERN POWERS HAVE MANIPULATED THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER TO THEIR OWN BENEFIT, BUT IS NOT ANTI-WESTERN.
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